

Town of Freedom

Tree & Brush Pick-up Policy

Town of Freedom will pick up brush roadside starting the third Monday of every month from April through October. Residents requesting roadside pick-up of brush must call or email the Town office (920)788-4548 or mevers@townoffreedom.org) by Friday at noon prior to the third Monday of the month to be put on the brush pick up list. Residents must provide name, address and phone number of pick up location.

Brush pick-up lists will be generated Friday afternoon and ready for the Street crew for the third Monday morning pick up. Any resident calling after Friday noon will have the choice of being put on next month's list or can bring their brush to the Town of Freedom yard waste drop off site.

Brush pick up will start at 7am Monday morning and continue through the week until the brush pick-up list has been completed.

Roadside/curbside Brush Pick-Up Requirements:

1. All branches and brush will be neatly and loosely placed off the shoulder/curb of the road with cut ends of the branches/brush facing the roadway.
2. Branch & brush piles should be stacked in a single row only, no higher than 5 ft. in height.
3. Branches & Brush will not be picked up if it is on private property or if it is on your neighbor's yard.
4. Branches & brush cannot be placed in the town right-of-way prior to **72 hours** before the third Monday pick up starts, unless in the event of a storm/wind event.
5. All branches/brush need to be at least 36 inches in length, or neatly bundled in twine (this is for the safety of the crew).
6. Branches should be no larger than 8 inches in diameter or exceed 75 lbs. in weight.
7. Professional services used to cut down large amounts of trees or brush shall remove their own materials as town staff will not pick up.
8. No root balls, stumps, construction material, grass clippings, shrub trimmings, leaves or brush with thorns will be accepted. If these unaccepted materials are comingled with branches/brush everything including branches/brush will be left and will be the responsibility of the resident to remove.
9. Town street crews will not pick up brush with thorns. Brush with thorns will have to be hauled to the Outagamie County Landfill by the property owner for disposal.

11. Any violation of the Tree & Brush pick-up Policy will be tagged for such violation and will not be picked up until the violation is corrected.
12. It is the property owner's responsibility to place the branches and brush in accordance with this policy, and in a manner that will not obstruct or interfere with the travel portion or shoulder of any road.

If the Town Street Crew spends more than 20 minutes at a stop, the property owner will be charged at a rate of \$200 per hour, with a minimum charge of \$100. The purpose in doing this is to be equitable to all the Town taxpayers. The crew will not stop after 20 minutes but will continue until all of the branches or brush is chipped. If a charge is imposed, the Town will call the resident to inform of the charge within 24 hours.

Town-Wide Storm Policy: The Public Works Supervisor or designee will determine, in the event of a high wind storm and/or trees struck by lightning, if the town chipper will be sent out for clean-up above and beyond the normal chipping schedule.